

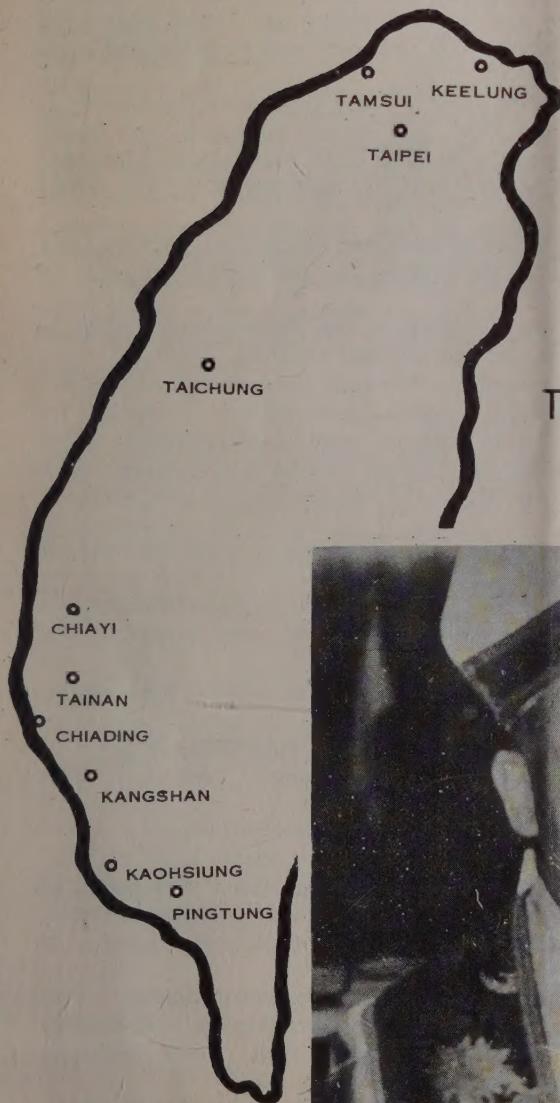
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The Sermon preached by the Right Reverend P.Y.Cheung, Bishop of Taiwan at his Installation Service, on Monday, the 7th January 1980 at 10 a.m., in St. John's Cathedral, Taipei.

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive his wages according to his labour. For we are fellow workmen for God; you are God's field, God's building" (I Cor. 3:6-9 - R.V.).

In this my first sermon after my consecration, I wish to thank God for his grace in calling me to this high office, and to thank you all for your presence and your prayers. My special thanks go to the Presiding Bishop and fellow Bishops and Clergy who have come from various places to grace this ceremony. May God continue to guide and bless us.

The meaning of the text I have taken is quite clear - 'Only God gives the growth'. In the universe, everything is under the hand of God, and grows, develops, and flourishes accordingly. Likewise, the Church is in the hand of God, and Taiwan Episcopal Church, - a link in the Universal Catholic Church - with his help will fulfil all things according to his divine purpose.

Verse 8 of the text emphasizes the importance of work and 'each shall receive his wages according to his labour'. The same concept applies to the visible Church of Christ.

This thought is developed by St Paul in his 2nd letter to the Thessalonians when he rebukes idleness - 'if any one will not work, let him not eat' (II Thes. 3:10).

In St. John's Gospel, we have our Lord's words, -'My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work'. (4:34). Again, in Chapter 5, verse 17, Jesus says, - 'My Father is working still, and I am working' -and in a succeeding verse, we have these words in reference to the judgment -'Those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment'. (v. 29).

Here then is a principle. Clearly set before us is the concept of work required of us as faithful Christians committed to the doing of God's will. for the Bishopric

About a year ago, in the December issue of the Church News, three candidates set forth their ideas about the future development of the Church. They were roughly the same; -namely :-

1. Spiritually, -we should examine ourselves in respect of our prayer life, public worship, and family fellowship.

2. Socially, - We should ask ourselves about our commitment to community life.

What have we done for the young, the aged, and the handicapped? Am I a good citizen willing to shoulder responsibilities to my country?

3. Ecclesiastically, - How many people have we brought into the Church?

What have we contributed to the cause of unity?

We shall indeed be known by our 'fruits', - the results of our labour in these fields

Let it always be remembered that we are 'fellow workers with God'. Unfortunately, not all workers are the same - some are diligent, some are lukewarm, and some, by their indifference, hinder God's work.

Apart from England and Australia, the Sheng Kung Hui, is a minority Church - yet even in a minority situation we have much to offer, -dignified worship, a reasoning faith, and unity in diversity. Han Fei-Tze, a Chinese scholar, said -'a thousand common people who say 'Yes' cannot gainsay a scholar who says 'No'!'

After 25 years of service in this delectable country, I sincerely hope that the Tai -

wan Sheng Kung Hui will continue to glorify God, as we seek to bring more and more people into the knowledge of his truth.

Today is a new chapter in my life as a minister of God. I willingly dedicate myself to work with you as an elder brother, to plant, water, and tend this part of God's vineyard, -for ours is a goodly heritage.

May God bless, guide, and keep us, and bring us at last to the rest and reward of all who have faithfully served him in this present life.

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

An observer's notes on the Consecration and Enthronement  
of Bishop P.Y. Cheung.

On Epiphany 1980, the Episcopal Church in Taiwan was able to witness and participate in the Consecration of a new bishop P. Y. Cheung from Hong Kong. A stately and impressive ceremony at any time, it was especially meaningful to me, as the organist for both that service and the new Bishop's Enthronement the next day, as an enactment of the fact that "in Christ now meet both East and West." The church where the Consecration was held was a modern, simple church with a free-standing altar and the feeling of being involved in all that took place there; inlaid into the aisle from the door to the altar are the Chinese characters for "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism;" and present for this holy occasion were the American Presiding Bishop, John M. Allin, his wife and his party, visiting Bishops and laymen from throughout Asia, distinguished clergy and laymen from Taiwan, and a delegation from the Roman Catholic Church in Taiwan. There was a strong feeling of brotherhood in the church as the service continued; it was bilingual, alternating Mandarin and English, but it was always easy to follow the service and respond in one's own tongue.

After the Consecration, Bishop Cheung celebrated the Holy Eucharist and all clergy present assisted; at the conclusion of the service, everyone present joined together to break bread of another kind at a Chinese meal served by the college where the church is situated. The Installation of the Bishop took place the next day at the Cathedral of Saint John in Taipei and that very afternoon he took his place presiding over the Annual Diocesan Convocation.

While the Diocese of Taiwan is a physically small diocese, and we Episcopalians occasionally feel few in number, there is no lack of commitment, warmth or brotherhood here; we come from vastly varied backgrounds from all over China and from other countries and customs, we bring to our faith the diversity of these worlds. We learn from, and share with, each other, and the faith we witness on this island is very strong indeed.

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The Consecration of the Revd. Canon Pui Yeung Cheung on the Feast of the Epiphany ( 6th January 1980 ) at the Church of the Advent,

Hsin Pu.



The Consecrating - Bishops assembled.



The solemn act of Consecration.

The Enthronement of Bishop Cheng in the Cathedral of St. John, Taipei, on the 7th January, 1980.



Bishop Cheung about to install Bishop James Pong as Canon Theologian.



The Clergy of the Diocese with the Presiding Bishop of the American Episcopal Church -the Right Revd. J.M. Allin -(front-centre), with Bishop Pong on his left, and Bishop Cheung on his right.

IN APPRECIATION OF BISHOP JAMES PONG'S EPISCOPACY.  
(F.T.Ley).

With the retirement of the Right Reverend James T.M.Pong from the Missionary Diocese of Taiwan, Republic of China, the Episcopal Church in Taiwan has seen the close of its Jubilee observances, marking the completion of the first quarter-century of its history. Bishop Pong's episcopacy covered exactly nine years, -from January the 6th, 1971, to January the 6th 1980, - a period longer than any of the previous episcopacies, - namely, those of the Right Reverend Harry S.Kennedy, the Right Reverend Charles P. Gilson (Bishop in residence, as Bishop Kennedy's deputy), and the Right Reverend James C.L.Wong.

Among Bishop Pong's more important accomplishments, may be mentioned, on the material side, -the creation of five new magnificent school buildings and the near completion of a sixth, on the campus of St. John's and St. Mary's Junior College of Technology, the construction of two new churches (previously, -chapel sites), the establishment of seven kindergartens, the building of three vicarages, three student hostels (two for girls and one for boys), and the opening of two Episcopal Church Cemeteries.

To promote spiritual growth, during his episcopacy, six priests and three deacons were ordained. All clergy with more than five years service in the church were sent abroad for advanced theological training. Four went to the United States, three to the United Kingdom, two to St. George's Seminary, Jerusalem, and one to Trinity Theological College, Canada. In addition three priests were sent abroad for missionary service, - one to Penang, W. Malaysia, one to Kuching, Sarawak, E. Malaysia, and one to the Island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean.

Bishop Pong is a loyal supporter of the ecumenical movement and as past chairman of the Ecumenical Co-operative Committee in the Republic of China, he has set a praiseworthy and enviable example for his successors. He it was who founded the Inter-Religious Fellowship, which included as the Roman Catholic representatives, the late Chinese Cardinal Paul Yu-pin and Archbishop Lo-Kuan, as well as the heads of the Protestant, Buddhist, Taoist, Muslim, Li, and Hsuan-yuan, religions. In this context, a project very dear to Bishop Pong is to seek to build up a Chinese system of Christian theology.

A man of learning, Bishop Pong, over the years has built up a good library, with books both in Chinese and English, on the various religious faiths. A gifted writer, he is a quick and selective reader. During his tenure of office, he has published books, sermons, articles for magazines etc., both in English and Chinese. All bear the mark of being concise and to the point.

An efficient and capable administrator (he holds an M.A., degree in public administration from the University of Chicago), he ran Diocesan Affairs with a small staff. (no Chinese or English secretary and an office of 3 or 4 to help in accounting and clerical work). Generally, he planned well ahead, and his schedules were almost always carried out accordingly. On only rare occasions, when he was really too busy, did he fail to keep some minor appointment. The net result of his efficient administration was that a lot of money was saved for the diocesan treasury.

Consequently, throughout the nine years of his administration, financially, -the Diocese was very sound. This indeed was a remarkable achievement.

To sum up, Bishop Pong succeeded in augmenting considerably the material assets of the Diocese, providing nearly all the clergy with a vicarage, helping their children with schooling, and paying the lion's share of the family hospital bills.

In addition, stipends have been regularly increased, whilst practically every priest has been given the chance to go abroad either for advanced study or an observation tour.

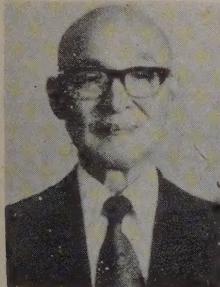
To my mind, it is a bit of an irony that Bishop Pong's good intentions and sincere

endeavours, were not always duly understood and appreciated. His engrossment in office routine oftentimes deprived him of time for much needed pastoral and counselling work.

Because of the limited time at his disposal, his directions were usually brief and terse, and his replies unavoidably short and sometimes even brusque. Haste and brevity often beget misunderstanding, disappointment and sometimes even resentment. Thus, sometimes one's strong points e.g. -drive for efficiency, can sometimes turn out to be one's handicaps.

The writer is not at all sure if the preceding paragraph is not superfluous. He sincerely implores the Bishop's forgiveness for his presuming to point out something which the Bishop must have discovered for himself long ago - something which, under the existing circumstances, simply could not be helped. May God bless the Bishop and keep him always.

Note. The Hon. Mr. Ley Fa-Tsang has given distinguished service both in Church and State.



He retired as Minister of Personnel ( National Civil Service ) in 1963.

He is an adviser to the President of the Republic of China, and over the years has been a valued adviser to each Episcopalian Bishop.

Mr Ley was 10 years old when he was baptized in the Episcopal Church, Hanchuan, Hupei Province. This was in 1912. He was the first of his family to become a Christian.

Comments on Bishop James Pong's new book - "Christian Doctrine and Chinese Religious Thought".

Anglican Information, November 1979, -'An objective but sympathetic comparison between Christianity & the very ancient Chinese tradition. The author brings a considerable amount of learning to his subject, and has succeeded in condensing a vast subject into a short and readable booklet'.

Dr. M.N. Hsieh, President of Taiwan Theological College. - 'Your new book gives me many revelations on indigenized Chinese theology. It will be used as a designated reference book for our students'.

Dr. C.Y. Liu, Professor of Chinese at the Australian National University. 'Deep insight into a vast subject'.

The Revd. Claude Pickens, Jn., expert on Chinese Islam. - 'We are all in your debt for this splendid presentation of the Christian thought over against the Chinese background

Dr. Paul Clasper, Senior Lecturer in Theology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. 'Your book is surely a worth-while contribution to the concerns for Chinese and Christian thinking in the light of the 'Chinese Mind or Heart' !.

Dr. Wing-Tsit Chan, author of the widely used Source Book in Chinese Philosophy. 'Your contributions to comparative religious studies are excellent. I hope you will do more'.

People in the news.

The Revd. Roy Traylor sends greetings. His address :-  
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Extracts from his letter read thus :-

'Our Church is one of four in the enormous parish of Bushbury. There is a team of six clergy. Roy is Team Vicar of St. James in the 'nicer' part of the parish. As this church was formerly staffed by curates, there have been a lot of comings and goings, and Roy is the fifth minister in 12 years. What the church now needs is a bit of stability. It is only recently that a good adult congregation has been built up. There are those who have a great hunger for God's Word, and we have four fellowship groups, each meeting fortnightly, to help them.... We are finding it exciting ministering

as a husband and wife team - a thing which was hard in Taiwan because of our different Chinese languages. We have complementary gifts, Eileen being particularly concerned with healing and Roy with teaching..... The children are happily settled, but have not yet picked up local accents. Andrew's reading is improving rapidly. Christopher is in Nursery School, and is greatly looking forward to entering Andrew's school in April..... We recently acquired a little spaniel pup, whom we named Skip; but he is hard work at present'. Although we look back nostalgically to our days in Taiwan, we are also very happy in the place where God has put us, and we are expecting great things of him. May he do great things for you as well'.

(Roy and Eileen Taylor were C.M.S. missionaries in Taiwan for over 10 years :Ed.)

The Revd. Peyton Craighill has joined the Staff of the School of Theology, the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, 37375.

This news has just been received as we go to press. We hope to have further details later. Fr Craighill will be taking up the appointment in June.



The Bishop, after his consecration, greets the congregation.  
The Roman Catholic Bishops are in the background.